2025-2026 Grant Information Session





Agenda

- Welcome
- Grant Guidelines
- Wood Sourcing: Accessing Federally Managed Lands
- Application Walk Through
- Q&A





Grant Guidelines

- Tribes, non profits, volunteer groups/clubs, churches/faith-based state or local governments
- Grant funding
 - 15-24 cords up to \$15k

 - 25-49 cords up to \$25k
 50-99 cords up to \$35k
 100+ cords up to \$50k
- Wood sourced from federal lands
- Equipment over 10k
- Cost sharing









Must file to record Federal Government's that the Federal Government retains an interest in the equipment until the equipment is depreciated below \$10,000

File Form UCC1 or appropriate state form

Contact your Secretary of State OR
National Association of Secretaries of State
For instructions and to file the correct form

https://www.nass.org/business-services/ucc-filings





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Financing Statement:

 Title to all equipment purchased with Federal funds via the Alliance for Green Heat's Firewood Bank Assistance Program is conditional pursuant to the terms of 2 CFR 200.313, and the USDA Forest Service retains an interest in the equipment at the Federal cost-share amount specified in the grant contract. Equipment with a current per unit fair market value of less than \$10,000 may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the Federal government.



Equipment Records Sheet



Firewood Bank Grant Equipment Records Sheet



				low carbon, re	newable and local	
1. Date						
2. Project Title (Name of Firewood Bank)						
3. Grant Program	The Alliance for Green Heat: Firewood Bank Assistance Program					
4. Description of equipment						
Type of equipment (processor, conveyor, splitter etc.)						
Manufacturer and Model (i.e. Timber Wolf 18 ton splitter)						
Serial Number (or other identification number)						
5. Cost	\$	shipping	\$	Total Cost	\$	
6. Acquisition date or date equipment was received (dd/mo/yyyy)						
7. Federal Interest Share: List the percentage of the USDA Forest Service contribution toward the equipment purchase.	%					
8. Location of equipment: (address, city, state, zip)						
Describe the condition of equipment						
10. Describe the maintenance planned to keep the equipment in good condition	on.					
11. Describe what stops have been taken to ensure equipment is not lest, stell	on or vandaliz					

Examples of Eligible Expenses

Log length wood
Equipment – rented or purchased (incl. maintenance)
Trailers under \$10,000
PPE and Safety training
Chainsaws, splitters

Processors, conveyers
Wheelbarrows, peaveys, log stands
Drying sheds, containers/totes
Fencing/security systems

Insurance

Fuel for hauling costsSmoke/CO alarms



Budget

Item	Cost/unit	Taxes & Shipping	Total Cost	Link to Item
Ruggedmade Splitter	\$5230	\$300	\$5530	https://ruggedmad e.com/ruggedsplit -737-30-he-log- splitter-37-ton- honda-389cc-log- lift-30-stroke.html
Clogger, Chainsaw Chaps	\$215	\$10	\$225	https://goclogger. com/clogger-zero- pro-light-and- cool-ul-chainsaw- chaps-calf-wrap/



Bank account,
UEI, and
financial
information

Safety Plan: training, PPE, Firewood Bank Emergency Sheet

Liability waiver

Moisture meter

Wood Sourcing
Plan + Contact(s)

Reporting: interim and final reports

Additional Requirements

 Logs: source, volume, price, name of logger or company

- Receipts for line items over \$500
- Photos of equipment



GRANT PROCESS

Application Opens September 15th

1 - Initial Review

2 - Final Review

3 - Reporting Meeting

4 - Contract Signing

5 - Funds Wired











Submitted application is reviewed and Grant Manager meets with the potential grantee.

All required information and documents are approved.

Meeting with grantee to review required reporting.

Contract is sent via DocuSign.

Funds are wired to the bank account (2-3 business days to land).



Steps to Sourcing Wood from Federal Lands



Example Model:

HUB & SPOKE

encourages self sufficiency, long-term sustainability, and can reduce fuel and transportation overhead and optimize labor inputs



HUB

- National Forest
- Processing Location
- Commercial Logger Landing or Log Sorting Location

SPOKE

- Firewood Banks!
- Elder WoodPrograms

Both are eligible applicants!

Example Model:

Logger Connection

Knowing Loggers can lead to:

- Log purchase and delivery at an affordable rate
- Fewer logs end up at the pulp mill
- Community collaboration People Want to Help!







Example Model:

Self Harvest Trained Team Members can Harvest Wood from the Forest

- Federal Contracts Available
- Workforce Dev. and Land Restoration Potential
- Opportunities to compensate sawyers











Sourcing Wood From National Forest Lands



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Application Walk Through

Section 1: Contact Information

Section 2: Program Information

Section 3: Mission and Operations

Section 4: Wood Sourcing

Section 5: Safety

Section 6: Air Quality and Health

Section 7: Financial Requirements

Section 8: Grant Request Budget

Section 9: Equipment Above \$10,000 - Additional

Requirements

Section 10: Photos







FY26 Firewood Bank Assistance Program Application

Grants are available on a sliding scale up to \$50,000 based on the number of cords distributed. Eligibility is notably different from previous years so please review our guidelines here before beginning the application.

Please fill in the form below and use the **submit** button to submit the application. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation notification.

If you aren't ready to submit your application, you may click the "Save and Resume Later" link at the end of the form which will save your application for 90 days.

Has the firewood bank previously received funding from the Firewood Bank Assistance Program? Check all that apply.*

	No.		
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- Yes, in FY1 of the program (January 2023-May 2023)
- Yes, in FY2 of the program (September 2023-March 2024)
- Yes, in FY3 of the program (June 2024-December 2024)

All grantees that previously received funding from the Firewood Bank Assistance Program will be able to apply for the 2025-2026 grant cycle as long as past grant reports were completed.

Helpful Hints

"Save and Resume Later" Option

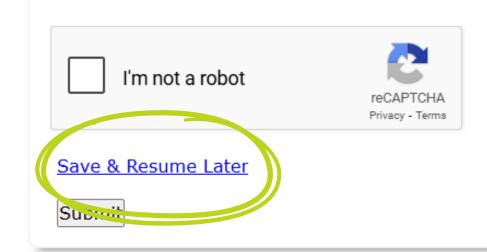
- Located at the bottom of the page
- Copy the link and store it somewhere safe
- Stores data already inputted for 90 days

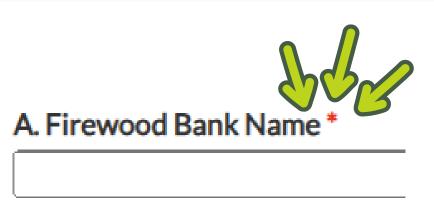
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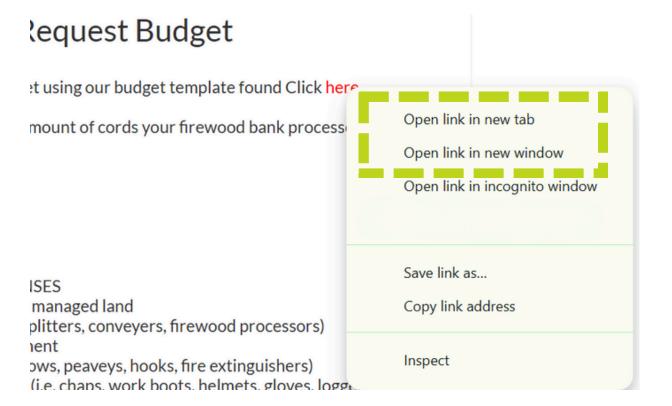
Application will not submit without data input for those questions

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Contact Us



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A recording of this webinar will be made available on firewoodbanks.org.



